

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Lalvani et al. Control No. : 3551
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 16, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith (i) a Petition to Extend Time for a period of one (1) month, up to and including May 18, 2009, as May 16, 2009 falls on a Saturday, (ii) a Request for Continued Examination, together with appropriate fees.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.